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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) David Bennett (Applicant's Representative) (3) George L. Opie (PTO)
 (2) Michael Murphy (Applicant's Representative) (4) _____

Date of Interview: 5 June 2001, and 26 July 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) _____ Video Conference
 c) _____ Personal copy given to: 1) _____ applicant 2) _____ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) _____ Yes e) _____ No.

If Yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 14, and 29.

Identification of prior art discussed: The Ingalls and Carlson reference.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) _____ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) _____ N/A.

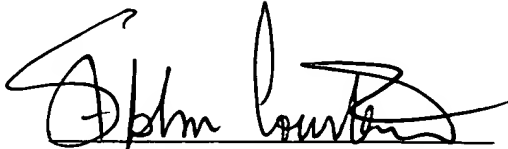
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussion was had on how the prior art related to the claimed limitations. The Examiner clarified the position presented in the Final Rejection. Applicant argued that the combination of Carlson and Ingalls did not meet the recited feature of a changeable directional attribute. The Examiner maintained that the changeable directional feature as taught by Ingalls, when combined with Carlson's directional field would change the direction of the field.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

- i) _____ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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 Examiner's signature, if required